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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. THERE IS NO PROBLEM DELAYING DEMARCHE ON TTBT DATA
EXCHANGE UNTIL STOESSEL RETURNS TO MOSCOW.

2. REF: MOSCOW 10479, PARA 8: WE HAD A USEFUL MEETING
WITH DEA, S/MN AND SCS OFFICERS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ACTION
ON THE PROTECTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT FRONTS. DEA SEEMS
TO APPRECIATE THE POTENTIAL FOR A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, BUT
THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO GET FRESH LEADS AND INFO, AND YOU CAN
EXPECT THEM TO CONTINUE TO PRESS TO SEND SOMEONE OUT. WE
UNDERSTAND DEA PARIS WILL PROPOSE A VISIT FROM THERE AROUND
LATE AUGUST.

3. REF: MOSCOW 10545, PARA 3; AND STATE 167120: WE
EXPECT THAT, AS IN THE THREE 1968 DRUG CASES, BOTH MAIL
AND PACKAGES WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE MORALE AND
WELFARE OF AMSTER, BRAWER AND BURN; AND WE PLAN TO ADVISE
THEIR NEXT OF KIN IN THE US THAT THEY MAY FORWARD PACKAGES
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OF REASONABLE SIZE TO THE CONSULAR SECTION VIA THE APO.

(THIS PROCEDURE WAS ADOPTED IN '68 CASES AND WE DO NOT EXPECT THE SOVIETS TO OBJECT. IF THEY DO WE CAN REVERT TO INTERNATIONAL MAIL.) WE WILL ALSO TELL THE NOK THAT THE PACKAGES WILL BE SUBJECT TO SCRUTINY BY THE SOVIETS, AS WELL AS THE EMBASSY.

4. RE THE LITGAZ CHARGES, WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH THE MAN'S EMPLOYERS SEVERAL TIMES, AND THEY TELL US HE NOW DOES NOT PLAN TO RETURN TO MOSCOW. THEY ARE NOT SURE OF FINAL RESULT, BUT HE APPARENTLY IS THINKING OF EITHER MAKING A STRONG STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED TO US WIRE SERVICES OR WRITING A LETTER TO LITGAZ, TELLING REASONS FOR HIS DROPPING CASE. HE FEELS HIS HONOR IS ON THE LINE BUT DOES NOT WANT TO GO BACK. IN THE MEANTIME, HIS REPLACEMENT HAS APPLIED FOR A VISA FOR ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW IN ABOUT ONE MONTH. THIS SHOULD BE HELD CLOSELY. KISSINGER

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